ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

THIS is the time when humans flap around like flocks of jovial crows or parrots, all of us cackling the same greeting. We move through the lighted jungles of the cities, rubbing beaks and neckfeathers and uttering harsh cries of enjoyment.

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A chorus of cliches and platitudes, loud enough to shake the berries off the mistletoe and to crack stained-glass windows, sounds through Christendom.

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A listener who hadn't heard the noise before would be frightened and bewildered.

To those who are used to it, however, all the fuss and din is a reassuring phenomenon. It signifies that a number of human beings recognize that they all belong to the same species.

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In scattered parts of the jungle, some of them cease their task of tearing the liver and lights out of each other.

They gather in noisy flocks, prepared to migrate into another year.

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Many of the solitary ones drag themselves from their holes in hollow trees and join the crowd, stirred out of their sulks by a mysterious group feeling.

The mass goodwill soon dissolves into quarrels about grubs, seeds, mates and nesting sites.

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However, it is comfortable while it lasts, the season when human birds of passage gather to acknowledge their common nature, with ritual cries and signs.

Names in the News

Flying Saucer—or Fairy Tale?

BELFAST—The Irish were divided yesterday about **Joseph Bennett's** unidentified flying object.

Some said it must have been a flying saucer; others called it an Irish fairy tale.

Whatever it was, says farmer Bennett, it made him duck, and it cut his oak tree in two—10 feet from the ground. He described it as "big and black and about seven feet across."

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NEW YORK—**Susan Hayward** and **David Niven** are the choices of New York film critics as the best actress and actor of the year, Miss Hayward for her performance in "I Want to Live," and Niven for "Separate Tables."

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BOSTON—**Sen. John Kennedy** was scheduled to leave hospital today after a four-day stay for a virus infection.

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LOS ALAMOS, N.M.—**Cecil Kelley**, 38-year-old technician at the Los Alamos scientific laboratory is in critical condition with radiation burns.

Details of the accident, which spokesmen said occurred in the course of a normally safe operation, were still under study. There were not witnesses.

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SUSAN HAYWARD
. . . best actress

SEN. JOHN KENNEDY
. . . out of hospital

OTTAWA—A Newfoundland lawyer was named Tuesday to open Canada's first legation in Iran, plugging a gap exposed by the Suez crisis of 1956.

George Bernard Summers, 52-year-old native of St John's, will go to Tehran early in the new year.

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VATICAN CITY—Rome's street cleaners, bus and tram workers and other municipal workers gave **Pope John** a noisy New Year's Eve serenade a traditional melange of fireworks, automobile horns and brassy band music. The Pope asked the crowd to pray with him for the new year.

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BURBANK, Calif.—Actress **Verna Felton**, 68, formerly of Nanaimo, of TV's December Bride cast, is in hospital following a slight stroke and is progressing satisfactorily.

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OTTAWA—**Warner Jorgenson and Louis Fortin**, young Progressive Conservative Commons members from Manitoba and Quebec, have been chosen to open the Commons throne speech debate in the new session of Parliament starting Jan. 15.

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PHILADELPHIA—A 75th-birthday present for millionaire **Cyrus Eaton** has caused a flurry of excitement. Russia's **Nikita Khrushchev** sent three big, handsome white horses and a gleaming carriage. Cost: $8,100.

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LONDON—World royalties from the sale of "Dr. Zhivago," expected to total $850,000, are piling up in a Swiss bank—but it's not certain that **Boris Pasternak**, Russian author of the novel, will ever get the money.

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JERSEY CITY—Police say **Theresa Ryan** gave her imprisoned boy friend something really useful for Christmas—two hacksaw blades.

She was charged with aiding and abetting an attempted jail break after **James McCormack** sawed two cell block bars before he was discovered Tuesday.

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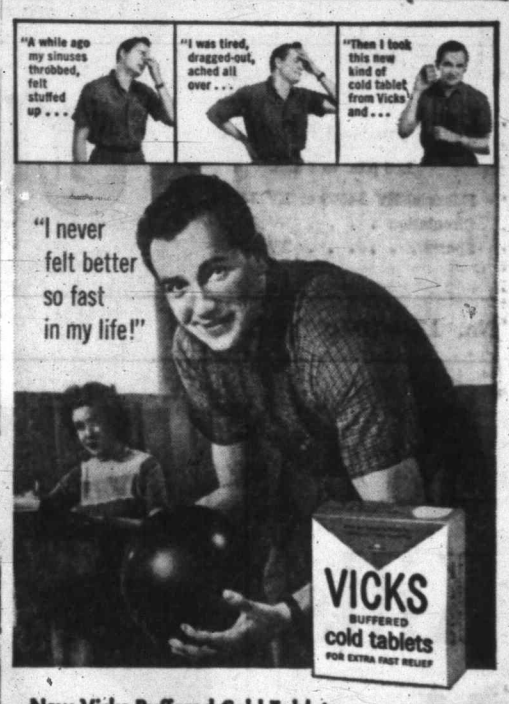

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Welcome to Princess Highlighted B.C. Year

British Columbia's centennial year was a year of sensational news stories, including murders, tragedies, floods, forest fires and political upheavals.

But the highlight came in July when Princess Margaret visited Canada, beginning her tour in Victoria with a four-day visit.

During the four days Britain's princess endeared herself to the thousands who packed Victoria streets for a glimpse of her. And the functions arranged for her visit—receptions, the Government House garden party, the naval review in Esquimalt Harbor and the grand ball at Royal Roads tri-services college—brought a Royal touch to the city's centennial celebrations.

Up-Island, on her way to Comox and the mainland, Princess Margaret visited special celebrations at Nanaimo and Courtenay.

Everywhere she went through the mainland, Princess Margaret charmed and won the hearts of British Columbians, from high society to the lowliest wrangler at the Williams Lake rodeo.

The "fairytale" princess showed herself small in stature but large in courage, charm and patience.

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Strikes were a feature of the year with the costly CPR ferry strike heading the list.

The year opened with the pulp and paper industry strike seven weeks old and it ended Jan. 30. Meanwhile, 1,600 Island workmen lost a total of $800,000 in wages during the stoppage which tied up the province's industry.

Midnight of May 16, on the eve of Victoria's Victoria Day celebrations, and at the start of what was expected to be a record tourist season, CPR ferry employees stopped work.

It wasn't until July 27, after the federal government brought in special legislation, that the CPR ferries got under way again.

Meanwhile, the provincial government moved quickly to prevent a similar strike against Black Ball Ferries and took over the line temporarily on June 23.

A defiance strike by Black Ball employees July 18 was quickly ended by a court injunction and service was resumed July 21.

The centennial year was only nine days old when dispute boiled up over the choice of the totem design on the back of the specially-minted centennial silver dollar.

The final word was handed down by Provincial Museum officials who denied that the Raven totem pole, the original of which is in the museum, was ever a mortuary pole.

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Victoria's own centennial celebrations started April 26 with the arrival of the reconstructed "Commodore" steamship paddle wheeler in the Inner Harbor.

A monster bonfire lighted on Clover Point the following night was the official B.C.-wide signal that the province's celebrations had begun. Similar beacons flared throughout B.C.

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Fire played a prominent part in the news in 1958 with a record hot and dry summer period resulting in a general closure of forest areas and, at one time, more than 300 raging forest fires throughout B.C.

More than 1,700 Vancouver Island lumber workers were thrown out of work May 26 when MacMillan and Bloedel closed down all logging operations in B.C. because of the fire danger.

Almost two months later, on July 16, a general closure was put on the Vancouver forest district and before the end of the month forestry crews, fire brigades and volunteers—thousands of individuals—were battling more than 300 forest fires, many of them out of control.

The danger had abated by Aug. 7 when the forest closure was lifted and loggers returned to the woods the following day. But on Aug. 12 a fierce fire broke out at Goldstream, threatening Victoria's watershed.

The fire was brought under control the following day.

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Perhaps the most startling and shocking tragedies in Vancouver Island's recent history saddened British Columbians in 1958.

Four persons were charged with murder, eight-year-old Maureen Vanstone of Wellington, near Nanaimo, was killed by a lioness which escaped from a private zoo and 16-year-old John Frederick Marrison was killed when he fell or jumped into the spinning blades of an aircraft propellor at Elk Lake.

On May 9, 72-year-old Ernest V. Allen was charged with murder after the death of his wife, Elin, who was stabbed at their home at 48 Obed. Allen was later transferred to the B.C. mental hospital at Essondale.

Mrs. Alice Louella Kerr, a 54-year-old Pender Island housewife, was arrested and charged with the shooting death of her husband, Albert, Aug. 11. On Nov. 20 an Assize Court jury found her not guilty of the charge.

AB Aaron H. Jenkins was stabbed fatally as he slept in the Nelles block at HMCS Naden Sept. 6. Leo Anthony Mantha, 31, of 451 Superior Street, was arrested and charged with Jenkins' murder. He was convicted and sentenced to death Dec. 17.

On Sept. 13, 16-year-old Matthew John Till was sought following the deaths of Charles Mudge, 30, and Mudge's father-in-law, John Brand. Mrs. Phyllis Mudge was found badly beaten.

Till was charged with murder Sept. 15 and on Dec. 5 he was found not guilty to the charge but guilty of manslaughter. On Dec. 12 the 16-year-old was sentenced to 16 years in jail.

Maureen Vanstone died May 3 when attacked by a lioness which escaped from Paul Hertel's private zoo near Nanaimo. Hertel was arrested May 5 and charged with criminal negligence, two hours before giving evidence at an inquest into the child's death. On Sept. 26 Hertel was acquitted.

John Frederick Marrison died instantly at Elk Lake when he fell or jumped into the propeller of a float plane whose engine was running at full throttle.

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On the municipal level of politics, the perennial amalgamation issue came to a head once again, this time with the report of Dr. J. J. Deutsch, a UBC economist.

On Dec. 11 both Victoria and Saanich voters considered the question "Should Victoria and Saanich municipalities unite?" Saanich gave a decided "no" answer and Victoria answered "yes."

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Variable cloudiness, and colder. Winds westerly 20. Precipitation Wednesday, .13. Sunshine, 30 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures

High 54 Low 45

Forecast Temperatures

High 43 Low 40

Sunrise 8.08 Sunset 4.27

East Coast of Vancouver Island — Variable cloudiness, and colder. Winds westerly 20. High and low at Nanaimo, 43 and 35.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Variable cloudiness. Occasional rain showers or snow flurries along coastal ridges. Cooler. Winds northwest 20. High and low at Estevan Point, 43 and 38.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	22	29	.69
Halifax	18	21	—
Montreal	—10	9	—
Ottawa	—9	9	—
Toronto	6	21	—
North Bay	—7	17	—
Port Arthur	0	28	—
Kenora	13	21	—
Winnipeg	11	17	—
Brandon	8	24	—
The Pas	0	34	—
Saskatoon	14	38	—
Prince Albert	6	37	—
N. Battleford	18	40	—
Swift Current	23	43	—
Medicine Hat	28	47	—
Lethbridge	45	54	—
Calgary	35	56	—
Edmonton	35	46	—
Kimberley	36	45	—
Vancouver	46	53	.08
Prince Rupert	30	32	1.11
Prince George	31	43	22
Whitehorse	—14	—10	.13
Seattle	51	55	.09
Portland	45	50	.03
San Francisco	45	67	—
Los Angeles	49	75	—
Spokane	40	44	.03
Chicago	24	29	.09
New York	32	37	—

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
	High Water				Low Water			
1	00.42	3.6	08.06	8.9	14.25	5.9	19.01	6.4
2	01.15	4.5	08.36	9.2	15.38	5.0	21.00	6.0
3	01.43	5.5	09.11	9.5	16.43	4.0	.....	.....
4	00.49	9.7	17.37	3.1	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	10.29	9.0	18.26	2.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	11.12	10.0	19.11	1.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	05.06	8.3	06.33	8.2	11.58	10.0	19.55	1.2
8	05.34	8.5	07.39	8.3	12.44	9.9	20.36	1.0
9	06.06	8.6	08.33	8.0	13.28	9.6	21.17	1.1
10	06.37	8.6	09.25	7.7	14.11	9.2	21.58	1.5
11	07.02	8.5	10.19	7.4	14.56	8.6	22.38	2.2
12	07.14	8.5	11.15	7.1	15.43	8.0	23.17	2.9

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
	High Water				Low Water			
1	02.15	3.3	09.44	12.5	16.46	6.8	21.52	8.6
2	03.01	6.6	10.17	12.4	17.40	5.7	23.58	8.7
3	03.55	7.9	10.51	12.3	18.31	4.6	.....	.....
4	01.39	9.4	05.06	9.2	11.28	12.2	19.18	3.6
5	03.22	10.4	06.37	9.9	12.07	12.1	20.04	2.7
6	04.19	11.2	08.51	10.3	12.51	11.9	23.49	2.1
7	05.02	11.8	09.15	10.4	13.38	11.7	21.32	1.7
8	05.42	12.2	10.17	10.1	14.30	11.4	22.15	1.6
9	06.18	12.4	11.12	9.8	15.25	11.1	22.56	1.8
10	06.53	12.4	12.07	9.3	16.22	10.6	23.37	2.3
11	07.25	12.4	12.59	8.7	17.18	10.1	.....	.....
12	00.16	3.0	07.58	12.3	13.54	8.2	18.12	9.6

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